CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

5   1. A server system connectable to a network, comprising:

a database of certificate of insurance related information;

program code operable to receive security information and insurance policy information regarding at least one insured

10 party;

program code operable to store said security information and said insurance policy information regarding said at least one insured party in said database;

program code operable to receive a request for a

15 certificate of insurance with regard to said insurance policy information;

program code operable to perform a security check with regard to said request for said certificate of insurance, said security check including at least one security procedure

20 defined by said security information regarding said insured party; and

program code for issuing a certificate of insurance in response to said request in the event that said security check succeeds.

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2. The server system of claim 1, wherein said security procedure requires a password to enter said server system in order to request a certificate associated with said insured

party, and wherein said security information includes said password, and wherein said security check includes program code for receiving a password from a certificate requester and comparing said received password with said password within

5   said security information.

3.   The server system of claim 2, wherein said security procedure requires approval of certificates associated with said insured party, wherein said security information

10   indicates an approving party, and wherein said security check includes program code for sending an electronic message to said approving party, said electronic message including a proposed certificate to be issued in association with said insured party.

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4. The server system of claim 3, wherein said security check further includes program code for receiving a reply to said electronic message from said approving party, and for determining that said security check succeeds in response to

20   said reply to said electronic message.

5.   The server system of claim 4, wherein said proposed certificate in said electronic message is modifiable by said approving party.

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6.   A method for issuing certificates of insurance over a computer network, comprising:

receiving security information and insurance policy information regarding at least one insured party;

storing said security information and said insurance policy information regarding said at least one insured party in a database of certificate of insurance related information;

receiving a request for a certificate of insurance with regard to said insurance policy information;

performing a security check with regard to said request for said certificate of insurance, said security check including performing at least one security procedure defined by said security information regarding said insured party; and

issuing a certificate of insurance in response to said request in the event that said security check succeeds.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said security procedure requires a password to enter a server system in order to request a certificate associated with said insured party, and wherein said security information includes said password, and further comprising:

receiving a password from a certificate requester; and comparing said received password with said password within said security information.

8. The method of claim 7, wherein said security procedure requires approval of certificates associated with said insured party, wherein said security information indicates an approving party, and further comprising sending an electronic message to said approving party, said electronic message

including a proposed certificate to be issued in association with said insured party.

9. The method of claim 8, further comprising:

5   receiving a reply to said electronic message from said approving party; and

    determining that said security check succeeds in response to said reply to said electronic message.

10   10. The method of claim 9, wherein said proposed certificate in said electronic message is modifiable by said approving party.

11. A server system connectable to a network, comprising:

15   a database of certificate of insurance related information;

    program code for receiving at insurance type information related to a requested certificate;

    program code for receiving text to be entered into a
20 remarks box within said requested certificate; and

    program code for forming a complete sentence reflecting said insurance type information, information stored in said database of certificate of insurance related information and said received text to be entered into a remarks box within
25 said requested certificate, and for entering said complete sentence into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

12. The server system of claim 11, wherein said program code for forming a complete sentence is responsive to whether or not any text was entered into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

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13. The server system of claim 11, wherein said program code for forming a complete sentence is responsive to a selected one of a plurality of items listed within a pull down menu.

10   14. The server system of claim 13, wherein said pull down menu is one of a plurality of pull down menus, wherein each of said plurality of pull down menus is associated with an insurance type.

15   15. A method for generating a certificate of insurance through a Web site, comprising:

   receiving security information and insurance policy information regarding at least one insured party;

   storing said security information and said insurance
20   policy information regarding said at least one insured party in a database of certificate of insurance related information;

   receiving insurance type information related to a requested certificate;

   receiving text to be entered into a remarks box within
25   said requested certificate;

   forming a complete sentence reflecting said insurance type information, said information stored in said database of certificate of insurance related information and said received

text to be entered into a remarks box within said requested certificate; and

entering said complete sentence into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

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16. The method of claim 15, wherein said step of forming said complete sentence is responsive to a determination of whether or not any text was entered into said remarks box within said requested certificate.

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17. The method of claim 16, wherein said step of forming said complete sentence is further responsive to a selected one of a plurality of items listed within a pull down menu.

15   18. The method of claim 17, wherein said pull down menu is one of a plurality of pull down menus, wherein each of said plurality of pull down menus is associated with an insurance type.